

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 073722  
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY AF: W C HARROP:MIL

APPROVED BY AF: W C HARROP

S/S-O:SPRVALERGA

NSC: R BARTHOLOMEW

S/P: PKREISBERG (SUBS)

DOD/ISA: R MURRAY

PM: D GOMPERT

H: N LEDSKY L:JMICHEL

-----086326 221709Z /43

Z 221658Z MAR 78 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO FLASH

S E C R E T STATE 073722

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, SO; PGOV, MASS

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SIAD BARRE

REF: MOGADISCIO 618

1, YOU MAY USE THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO  
THE QUESTIONS POSED BY PRESIDENT SIAD AS REPORTED IN  
REFTEL:

A) THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS:

ONCE SOMALIA IS ELIGIBLE FOR SALES DIRECTLY FROM THE  
UNITED STATES, WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE AND WILL BE PREPARED TO  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 073722

CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TRANSFERS  
OF US ORIGIN ITEMS IN REASONABLE QUANTITIES AND OF TYPES  
COMPARABLE TO THOSE THE UNITED STATES WOULD FURNISH DIRECTLY.  
THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT DISCOURAGE TRANSFERS OF NON-US-  
ORIGIN ITEMS FOR SOMALIA'S DEFENSE.

B) I. OPPOSITION TO SOVIET ACTIVITIES:

-- AS SOMALIA IS AWARE, WE HAVE SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY  
AGAINST THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN TROOPS IN THE

HORN CONFLICT. WE HAVE ALSO SAID PUBLICLY THAT WE SEE NO  
REASON FOR SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS TO REMAIN NOW THAT THE  
SOMALI ARMY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE OGADEN. WE HAVE  
MADE THESE POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AND  
WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

-- WE HAVE ALSO, IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MANY AFRICAN  
LEADERS, MADE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENCE OF  
SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT FORCES IN AFRICA.

-- SOMALIA MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE  
EVERY OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING THAT AFFORDED BY THE PRESI-  
DENT'S TRIP TO NIGERIA, TO MAKE THESE POINTS AND HELP BUILD  
A CONSENSUS THAT THE SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT FORCES SHOULD BE  
WITHDRAWN.

II ENCOURAGING NIGERIA AND OTHER GOOD OFFICES COMMIT-  
TEE MEMBERS TO SEEK A "JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE  
ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA PROBLEM".

-- IT HAS BEEN OUR POSITION THAT THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA  
PROBLEM CAN BE PERMANENTLY RESOLVED ONLY THROUGH NEGOTIA-  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 073722

TION. THIS REMAINS OUR VIEW.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE GOOD OFFICES  
COMMITTEE PROVIDE A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE  
DIALOG ON THESE QUESTIONS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE  
IF BOTH SOMALI AND ETHIOPIA ATTEND THE APRIL MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE IN LAGOS.

-- WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE NIGERIA AND  
OUR OTHER FRIENDS IN AFRICA TO SEEK A JUST  
AND LASTING SOLUTION.

C) PUBLICITY REGARDING ARMS SUPPLIES

BECAUSE OF US LAWS AND PROCEDURES AND THE NATURE  
OF OUR SOCIETY, THE USG IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIP-  
MENT AND SUPPLIES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES ONLY IN WAYS WHICH  
NECESSARILY INVOLVE OPEN AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR SYSTEM, A DETERMINATION OF  
ELIGIBILITY FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES IS SUBMITTED TO  
CONGRESS AND PUBLISHED. ALL MAJOR SALES AND ALL THIRD PART  
TRANSFERS REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.

D) DEFENSE OF SOMALIA

-- PRESIDENT SIAD SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE US

HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN TO DEFEND SOMALIA'S TERRITORY, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, SOMALIA'S RESPONSIBILITY.

-- HOWEVER, PRESIDENT SIAD MAY BE ASSURED THAT OUR PREVIOUS PUBLIC DECLARATION STILL STANDS THAT AN INVASION OF SOMALIA WOULD PRESENT AN ENTIRELY NEW SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES WOULD VIEW SUCH A SITUATION WITH SERIOUS CONCERN.

2. YOU MAY MENTION TO PRESIDENT SIAD THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO REQUEST THE SAUDIS URGENTLY TO HELP FINANCE IMMEDIATE SOMALI PURCHASES OF US EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, IN PREFERENCE TO TRANSFER BY THEM OF US SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 073722

3. REGARDING SIAD'S OTHER REQUEST THAT WORD "EXISTING" BE DROPPED FROM TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED LETTER DESCRIBING SOMALI ASSURANCES, YOU MAY INFORM HIM THAT WE ACCEPT THIS DELETION. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 073722  
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY IO/UNA:BJSHARP  
APPROVED BY IO/UNA:AFHOLLOWAY  
S/S-O:DCAMP

-----111144 232255Z /63

O 231925Z MAR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

SECRET STATE 073722

EXDIS FOR AMB YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL RPT STATE 073722 ACTION MOGADISCIO 22 MAR 78 QUOTE

S E C R E T STATE 073722

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, SO; PGOV, MASS

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SIAD BARRE

REF: MOGADISCIO 618

I, YOU MAY USE THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO  
THE QUESTIONS POSED BY PRESIDENT SIAD AS REPORTED IN  
REFTEL:

A) THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS:

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 073722

ONCE SOMALIA IS ELIGIBLE FOR SALES DIRECTLY FROM THE  
UNITED STATES, WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE AND WILL BE PREPARED TO  
CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TRANSFERS  
OF US ORIGIN ITEMS IN REASONABLE QUANTITIES AND OF TYPES  
COMPARABLE TO THOSE THE UNITED STATES WOULD FURNISH DIRECTLY.  
THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT DISCOURAGE TRANSFERS OF NON-US-  
ORIGIN ITEMS FOR SOMALIA'S DEFENSE.

B) I. OPPOSITION TO SOVIET ACTIVITIES:

-- AS SOMALIA IS AWARE, WE HAVE SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY  
AGAINST THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN TROOPS IN THE

HORN CONFLICT. WE HAVE ALSO SAID PUBLICLY THAT WE SEE NO  
REASON FOR SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS TO REMAIN NOW THAT THE  
SOMALI ARMY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE OGADEN. WE HAVE  
MADE THESE POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AND  
WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

-- WE HAVE ALSO, IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MANY AFRICAN  
LEADERS, MADE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENCE OF  
SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT FORCES IN AFRICA.

-- SOMALIA MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE  
EVERY OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING THAT AFFORDED BY THE PRESI-  
DENT'S TRIP TO NIGERIA, TO MAKE THESE POINTS AND HELP BUILD  
A CONSENSUS THAT THE SOVIET/CUBAN COMBAT FORCES SHOULD BE

WITHDRAWN.

II ENCOURAGING NIGERIA AND OTHER GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SEEK A "JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA PROBLEM".

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 073722

-- IT HAS BEEN OUR POSITION THAT THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA PROBLEM CAN BE PERMANENTLY RESOLVED ONLY THROUGH NEGOTIATION. THIS REMAINS OUR VIEW.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE PROVIDE A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOG ON THESE QUESTIONS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF BOTH SOMALI AND ETHIOPIA ATTEND THE APRIL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN LAGOS.

-- WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE NIGERIA AND OUR OTHER FRIENDS IN AFRICA TO SEEK A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION.

C) PUBLICITY REGARDING ARMS SUPPLIES

BECAUSE OF US LAWS AND PROCEDURES AND THE NATURE OF OUR SOCIETY, THE USG IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES ONLY IN WAYS WHICH NECESSARILY INVOLVE OPEN AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR SYSTEM, A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES IS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AND PUBLISHED. ALL MAJOR SALES AND ALL THIRD PART TRANSFERS REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.

D) DEFENSE OF SOMALIA

-- PRESIDENT SIAD SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE US HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN TO DEFEND SOMALIA'S TERRITORY, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, SOMALIA'S RESPONSIBILITY.

-- HOWEVER, PRESIDENT SIAD MAY BE ASSURED THAT OUR PREVIOUS PUBLIC DECLARATION STILL STANDS THAT AN INVASION OF SOMALIA WOULD PRESENT AN ENTIRELY NEW SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES WOULD VIEW SUCH A SITUATION WITH SERIOUS CONCERN.

2. YOU MAY MENTION TO PRESIDENT SIAD THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO REQUEST THE SAUDIS URGENTLY TO HELP

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 073722

FINANCE IMMEDIATE SOMALI PURCHASES OF US EQUIPMENT

DIR:CTLY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, IN PREFERENCE TO  
TRANSFER BY THEM OF US SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT.

3. REGARDING SIAD'S OTHER REQUEST THAT WORD "EXISTING"  
BE DROPPED FROM TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED LETTER DESCRIBING  
SOMALI ASSURANCES, YOU MAY INFORM HIM THAT WE ACCEPT  
THIS DELETION. VANCE

UNQUOTE VANCE

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CREDIT, BRIEFING MATERIALS, MILITARY SALES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 22 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE073722  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** W C HARROP:MIL  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780126-0621  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780336/aaaabeis.tel  
**Line Count:** 287  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e4551fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 6  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 78 MOGADISCIO 618  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 27 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3235928  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RESPONSE TO SIAD BARRE  
**TAGS:** PGOV, MASS, US, SO, (MOHAMED SIAD BARRE)  
**To:** MOGADISCIO  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e4551fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014